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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 9 and 17 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 stand rejected. Claims 8 and 16 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. On June 14, 2007, Applicants' counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which the claims of the present application, the Section 112 rejection, and the Section 103(a) rejections were discussed. It was agreed that there were no outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and that rewriting independent claim 1 to recite "device" instead of --medium-- would overcome the rejections of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. (While the Office Action indicates claim 9 is also rejected under Section 112, it appears this is a typographical error.) It was also agreed that amending the claim language to focus on the type of second input into the device would appear to overcome the Section 103(a) rejections of claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17. The Examiner, however, indicated if the claim language was so amended a further art search would be required.

In order to expedite allowance, Applicants have herein (1) amended independent claim 1 to address the Section 112 rejection and to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 8, including the limitations of the intervening claims; (2) amended

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independent claim 9 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 16, including the limitations of the intervening claims; (3) amended independent Claim 17 such that the method steps correspond to those of rewritten claim 1 (i.e., the subject matter of dependent claim 8, including the limitations of the intervening claims); and (4) cancelled claims 2-8 and 10-16. As a result, claims 1, 9, and 17 are presently pending.

Applicants are not conceding in this application the claims amended and cancelled herein are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claims and amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations/or divisional patent applications. Applicants specifically state no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

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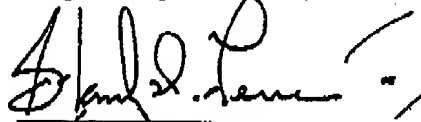
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In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 9 and 17, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any issues remain to be resolved before the application can be allowed, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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